

News of the Week.

By Telegraph.

New York, Aug. 6.

Lucky. Dispatches received this evening say that General Clay Smith's majority over the copper at Meadville is 3000. Bratton Clay's majority is 300.

Gen. Pleasant has been placed in command of the cavalry force in the army of the Potomac, and Gen. Stoneman assigned to the same department as chief of the Cavalry Bureau. The change was made on the recommendation of Gen. Meade.

The Herald has the full story.

BIRMINGHAM STATION, Va., Aug. 6.

A large number of rebels with artillery attacked General Buford's pickets this afternoon at 5 o'clock and drove them back about a mile. The General went forward with the first brigade of his division under General Merritt and drove them back beyond Brandy station, driving over picket lines for the night. It was further out than before. Our men were killed and two were severely wounded.

Information arrived from scouts and prisoners that the main body of the enemy had fallen back toward Fredericksburg and Gordonsville. The first corps were sent to the relief of Vicksburg before noon, and the second regimented and drove the latter, event three regiments of cavalry and Col. Anderson's artillery consisting of 24 horses, 12 pounds have been sent via Augusta Ga., to Charleston, leaving for defense of Savannah, but 200 cavalry and 300 infantry and a battery of artillery. All the extensive battles and skirmishes were only pocketed—not garrisoned.

It is not known what rolls are referred to. The documents have been filed in the War Department and the matter is under investigation.

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Two regiments of cavalry, with artillery attached, followed the rebels with their wagons and supplies, and crossed the river at Gordonsville, a few miles out of Augusta. They captured horses, mules and a number of prisoners. The wagons of the train were destroyed. The rebels had already captured property to the value of a million dollars.

FAYETTEVILLE, Aug. 6.

The rebels' guerrillas continue their depredations upon army and sutler trains between Washington and Warrenton and capture almost every wagon loaded with valuable goods.

Last Friday a portion of the gang, under command of a Major, came up the road west and captured horses near Gainesville.

The guerrillas killed the pockets of their captives after which the prisoners were hurried to Bull Run, and the rebels to the guerrilla rendezvous behind Manassas, a few miles out of Alexandria, capturing horses, mules and a number of prisoners. The wagons of the train were destroyed. Mosby's band has already captured property to the value of a million dollars.

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.

The New York Evening Post says it is again asserted that Lee's army is in camp between the Rapidan and Orange Countys. His real depot of supplies is at Gordonsville.

The New York Herald says Wild's African brigade has been ordered to Myrtle Island.

The Tribune's Washington dispatch says an important reinforcement of General Grant's army have left Myrtle and Tompkins, reports say they have left Myrtle and Tompkins.

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The New York papers have news from Louisiana, nothing but Gen. Dick Taylor's raid on Vicksburg, and the Federal forces under Banks, and he had completely routed them, capturing 4000 prisoners. It is not at all likely to be true.

From the Washington Evening Star of the 29th July says—Four days ago the rebels, who had been driven from the Alabama, a new paper, says, Capt. Somers and three other officers were yesterday morning transferred from the Alabama now lying in this port to the new frigate mounting 16 guns called the Oregon which has just arrived from England. A line of American steamers has been established between Porto Rico and New London.

BOSTON, Aug. 6.

The following dispatch was received this morning at the Merchant's Exchange:

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 5.

San Francisco, Aug. 5.—Advices to June 21st, state that affairs between England and France have been settled. The indemnity to be paid by Japan is \$400,000.

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